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CIRCULAR NO. 70.—*An ordinance to protect public health.*

Be it ordained by the president and board of city commissioners of the municipality of the city of Key West, in session convened:

SECTION 1. That whenever in the opinion of the city health officer it becomes necessary to prevent an epidemic of smallpox, he shall, with his assistants, make a free house-to-house vaccination of all the inhabitants of the city over two years of age who have not been properly vaccinated. It shall be the duty of the city health officer to keep on hand pure animal virus at all times, and to vaccinate all persons who apply for free vaccination, without charge. Any person who has not been properly vaccinated, and refuses to be vaccinated or to cause his or her children or wards to be vaccinated when they have not been properly vaccinated shall be fined or imprisoned according to section 3 of this ordinance.

SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of every teacher or person having charge of any school in the city of Key West, within thirty days from the opening of such school, to furnish the city health officer with a correct roster of the teachers and pupils of such school and a list of those remaining unvaccinated at the end of each month, and it shall be the duty of the city health officer and his assistants to visit all schools in the city each month, and to vaccinate all teachers and pupils who have not been properly vaccinated, free of charge.

SEC. 3. All persons violating any section of this ordinance or refusing or failing to comply with the same shall, upon conviction thereof, before the police justice, be fined not less than five nor more than one hundred dollars, or be imprisoned in the city jail not less than five nor more than thirty days.

SEC. 4. All ordinances, or parts of ordinances conflicting with this ordinance or any of its provisions are hereby repealed.

KEY WEST, FLA., July 8, 1896.

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report of the status of the smallpox epidemic in this city:

Up to and including July 7, there have been 24 cases of the disease, 3 of which have resulted fatally. In the past two days 2 cases have been found in a part of the town hitherto uninfected. All foci of infection are being guarded. Compulsory vaccination is being rapidly pushed. The state board of health will commence to-day the construction of a pesthouse in the outskirts of the city. The disease seems to be spreading very slowly, and it is hoped that it may not assume grave proportions. The tents have not yet arrived, but are expected to-day.

Very respectfully,

G. M. GUITÉRAS,

Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

*Smallpox in the United States as reported to the Supervising Surgeon-General United States Marine-Hospital Service, May 9, 1896, to July 16, 1896.**

Places.	Date.	Cases.	Deaths.	Remarks.
Florida:				
Key West.....	June 25-July 9.....	21	4	
Pensacola	May 20-July 4.....	5	2	
Indiana:				
Indianapolis.....	May 29.....	1		
Louisiana:				
New Orleans.....	May 9-July 11.....	80	24	
Shreveport	May 16-May 30.....	2		
	June 6-June 13.....	6		
New York:				
New York.....	May 1-May 31.	1	1	
North Hempstead.....do.....	1		
Ohio:				
Dayton.....	May 28-June 4.....	1	1	
	June 18-June 25....	1	1	
	July 2-July 9.....		1	
Tennessee:				
Memphis.....	May 1-May 30.....	10		
Shelby County (not includ- ing Memphis).....	May 1-May 31.....	8	2	
Tipton County.....	June 1-June 30.....	3		
do.....	14	2	
Washington:				
Seattle.....	May 23.....	1		Case occurred April 27; now convalescent.

* For table of smallpox in the United States, etc., December 26, 1895, to May 9, 1896, see PUBLIC HEALTH REPORTS No. 23.